

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair is not serving the public interest by forcing stations to broadcast right wing propaganda without presenting alternate viewpoints. Sinclair is clearly attempting to influence voters to vote for the candidate that Sinclair supports.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve close public scrutiny, in order to safeguard our Democratic principles. Thank you.